



## TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

### TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

June 13, 2006  
Clemett

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Judee Wells, Councilmembers Carol Clemett, Richard Leider, Tom Robinson (arrived at 7:30 pm), and Bruce Young.

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Aaron Sharp.

**STAFF:** Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

**GUESTS:** Hon. Jane Hague, King County Councilmember; Joann Bromberg, WABA; Jens Molbak and Blair Carlton, Gail D'Alessio, Robin Stefan.

**MINUTES:** Councilmember Leider moved to approve the May 9, 2006 minutes as amended. Councilmember Clemett seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

**WARRANTS:** Councilmember Leider moved to approve the June 13, 2006 warrant list, including warrant numbers 7045 through 7071, including warrant no. 7046 voided and replaced by no. 7073, in the amount of \$43,775.37. Councilmember Clemett seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

**MARSHAL'S REPORT:** Councilmember Leider reported on behalf of Marshal Branum that a boat on Dock B was vandalized; the windshield was broken.

**WATER REPORT:** No report.

#### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

**BOAT TRAILER PARKING:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that she has heard from owners or personally observed each of the non-conforming boat trailers and that in each instance the trailers have been screened or the owners have plans to complete screening by the end of the month.

**NEW METER READER:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that she has offered the meter-reading position to Mike Ledridge with a contract for his parents to sign. Mike will train with Chris Deitrick later this month and will begin as our new meter reader in August.

**WABA REPORT:** WABA Representative Joann Bromberg reported that she and Julia Morse have been replaced on the WABA Planning Committee by Forrest Kulp. She

explained that this change was suggested since she and Ms. Morse serve on the WABA Board. She added that the process is now in place and committee is comfortable with it.

**MOLBAK REQUEST TO PLACE A CONCRETE PARKING PAD IN THE ROW ABUTTING THEIR PROPERTY:**

Mayor Wells asked Jens Molbak to describe the proposed project. Mr. Molbak began by giving a brief history of the building and landscaping project and described recent activity. He noted that the reason he wants to place a concrete parking pad on the ROW abutting his property is because other materials are unsuitable for that location. He added that the drainage issues raised by Building Official Carl Stixrood have been addressed.

Councilmember Young asked if the parking pad will be available to the public. Mr. Molbak answered that his neighbors have been using the unpaved pad regularly since the area was cleared. He added that parking space is extremely limited in that part of the Village, so any little addition to the available parking is of benefit.

Joann Bromberg, 10124 SE 28<sup>th</sup> St, expressed her support for the project stating that additional parking is very welcome.

Gail D'Alessio, 10301 SE 28<sup>th</sup> St, also expressed support for the project noting that the graveled ROWs throughout the Village often become rutted by the trucks that use them to turn around so she is very pleased that concrete will be used instead.

(Councilmember Robinson arrived at 7:30pm.)

Councilmember Young stated that he received a call from Helen Lewis, 10507 SE 28<sup>th</sup> Street, expressing opposition due to concerns about drainage. Mr. Molbak explained that the drainage problems in this area begin at a catch basin on SE 28<sup>th</sup> Street near the Welsh property. He stated that that his project includes an engineered solution that will convey the drainage from this catch basin to the stormwater drain on 102<sup>nd</sup> SE.

Mayor Wells noted that Building Official Stixrood's memo suggested limiting the width of concrete pads on the ROW to 20 feet and stated that she thinks width restrictions should be placed on a case-by-case basis. Members of the Council agreed.

Councilmember Robinson asked if the Molbaks had considered using brick instead of concrete. Mr. Molbak answered that they considered brick but decided to use concrete because it is more permanent and can be tinted to blend with the surroundings.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Leider moved to allow the Molbaks to install a concrete parking pad on the ROW abutting their property as shown on their plans, subject to their signing an encroachment agreement in which they agree to remove these improvements at their expense if the Town asks them. Councilmember Clemett seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

**INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF REGIONAL ISSUES WITH KING COUNTY**

**COUNCILMEMBER JANE HAGUE:** Mayor Wells welcomed County Councilmember Hague to the meeting. Ms. Hague commented that she applauds the citizens of Beaux Arts for participating in their local government and for coming forward informed and willing to discuss options and ideas.

Ms. Hague explained that with the recent reduction in the number of King County Councilmembers, each remaining Councilmember's area was altered so that Ms. Hague now represents Beaux Arts Village, as well as Mercer Island, Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Medina, Hunts Point, Yarrow Point, Kirkland, and downtown Redmond. She added that the Eastside, as a region, now has a larger population than Seattle, but it is fragmented, so that one of her first goals is to help the Eastside cities she represents unite on regional issues. She added that King County is working with its cities in a collaborative way in this era of dwindling resources to achieve regional solutions that best meet the needs of the citizens.

Ms. Hague commented that transportation is obviously a big issue for the region and that there are two important votes coming up – one to determine how Sound Transit will look, e.g. buses, light rail, etc. and one to approve funding for RTID, the Regional Transportation Improvement District. She added that if the voters fail to approve the RTID funding package in 2006, the area will probably won't see another comprehensive package for 10 to 15 years.

Councilmember Clemett commented that an issue of great concern to Beaux Arts is the noise coming from the I-90 Bridge. She explained that residents of Beaux Arts and south Bellevue attended a number of Sound Transit meetings and provided public input but many felt that their input had little impact.

Councilmember Robinson added that one of the things the residents in this area had hoped for is a test of quiet pavement, aka rubberized asphalt, on the bridge to help mitigate some of the noise from the bridge. He stated that he recently read that Lynnwood has been chosen as a test site for this quiet pavement.

Ms. Hague commented that the Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP) may be able to influence the choice of test locations by recommending that Sound Transit use R&D money in one or two specific Eastside locations. Mayor Wells offered to broach the topic with the Points Communities Mayors and have them discuss passing individual resolutions stating their support for testing rubberized asphalt on I-90, I-405, and SR-520.

Ms. Hague closed by thanking the Council for allowing her the time to meet them and learn more about the issues that concern Beaux Arts residents. The Council thanked Ms. Hague for taking the time to come to the meeting and listen.

(Bruce Young left the meeting at 8:25pm.)

**NEW STOP SIGN ON SE 29<sup>TH</sup> STREET:** Mayor Wells reported that she continues to receive complaints about the hedge on the corner of 106<sup>th</sup> Pl Se and SE 29<sup>th</sup> Street, noting that the new stop sign has helped a bit but the hedge is already obscuring the view of the sign. She added that the Town's last survey shows the fence behind the hedge is on Town

property, which means that the hedge is completely on Town property. She asked the Council for their thoughts on removing the hedge completely.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that Mayor Wells will ask Peggy Bates to trim the hedge back to a depth of no more than four feet from the face of the fence and a height not to exceed 10 feet and keep it trimmed to those dimensions. Further, if the hedge is not kept back to the stated dimensions, the Town will remove the hedge permanently to eliminate the potential safety hazard.

Councilmember Robinson suggested that the owner be given a 30-deadline to complete this trimming. Councilmember Leider suggested that the deadline for accomplishing the trimming be no more than two weeks since the owner has been notified at least two other times in recent months about the need to severely prune this hedge.

Joann Bromberg asked if this is the only location where a hedge obscures sight visibility for motorists. She suggested that the Council look for other locations where hedges are beginning to obscure sight distances at intersections, including next to the Van Nortwick's on SE 27<sup>th</sup> St and 104<sup>th</sup> Ave SE.

**TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN:** Councilmember Robinson stated that he and Councilmember Leider are not prepared to discuss this topic further at this time but plan to have materials ready for discussion at a meeting in the near future.

**HUITT-ZOLLARS MEMO OUTLINING STORM DRAINAGE AND ACCESS IMPROVEMENT FOR 106<sup>TH</sup> PLACE SE:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens read Councilmember Sharp's written comments about the Huitt-Zollars memo in which Councilmember Sharp recommends that we set aside the suggestions it contains regarding access issues since we have had no complaints from the Bellevue Fire Department. He noted that the Town may choose to improve storm drainage in this vicinity at some future date but that the project that has prompted this discussion is responsible for dealing with their additional runoff whether the Town makes improvements or not.

It was the consensus of the Council to table further discussion of this issue indefinitely.

#### **MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

**HANSON GARAGE:** Councilmember Clemett asked what had been done about the Hanson garage and its removal. Clerk-Treasurer Spens answered that she had written to Pete Hanson, the son who is handling the sale of the property, and reminded him that the garage must be removed at the owner's expense either prior to or concurrent with the sale of the home. It was the consensus of the Council that Clerk-Treasurer Spens explore other options with Town Attorney Stewart, including writing a second letter asking for information about Peter Hanson's plans for removing the garage, posting a notice on the garage indicating to any and all prospective buyers that the garage sits on Town property and must be removed, etc.

**NEXT MEETING:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council the July meeting is scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> at Councilmember Leider's house.

**ADJOURN:** Councilmember Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Councilmember Clemett seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens  
Clerk-Treasurer